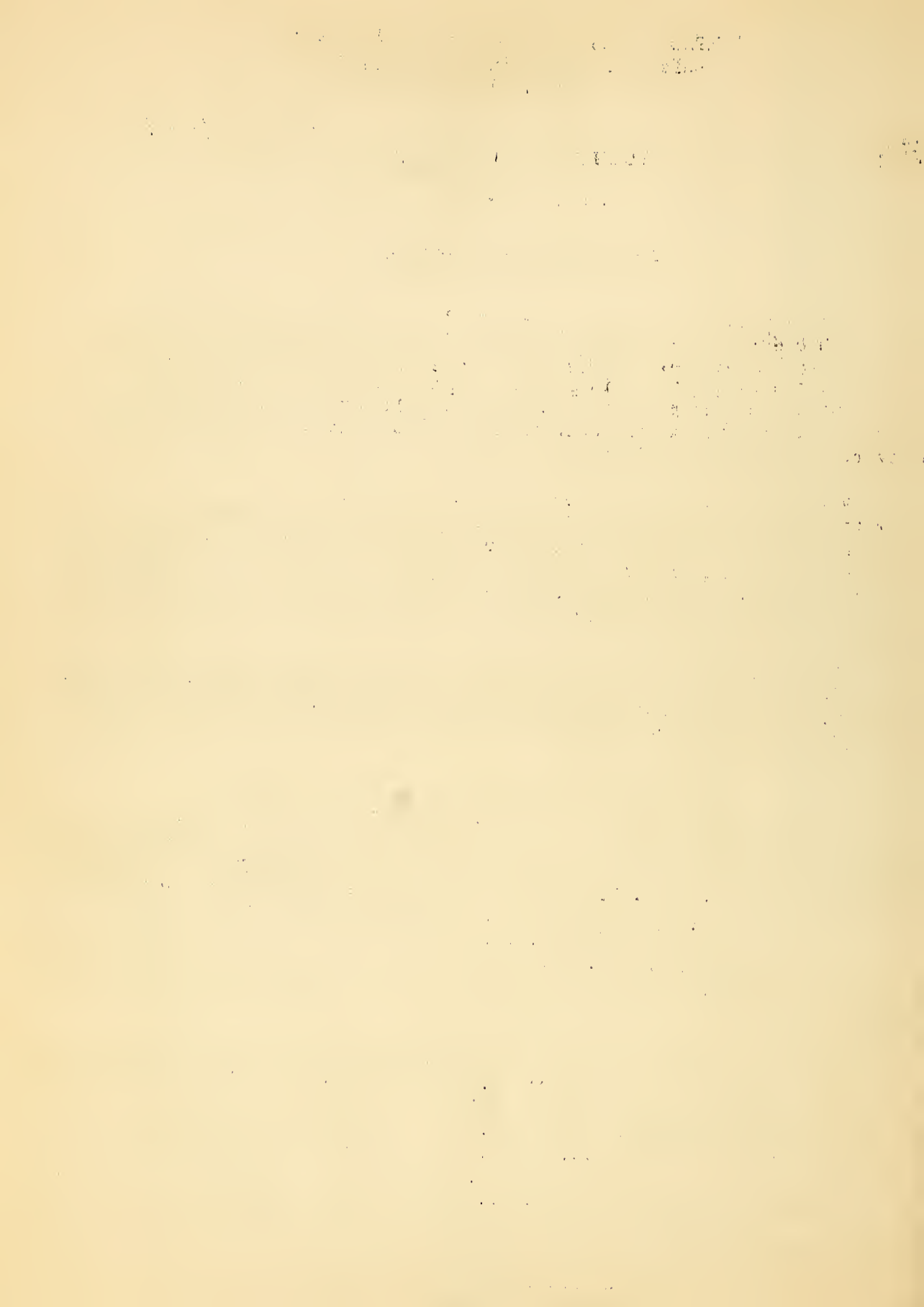


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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices received for American barreled apples on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, October 31, show a slight upward tendency for most varieties, but boxed stock in general declined somewhat, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. A large proportion of the barreled stock was in variable condition but boxed apples in general were in good condition.

Virginia York Imperials were in heavy supply but the demand showed an improvement over last week, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock bringing from \$5.11 to \$5.35 per barrel as against \$4.87 to \$5.11 last week. Most of the Yorks were only in fair condition. Fruit of good color and bright appearance showed a marked premium over ruling prices. Virginia Winesaps and Ganos met with a moderate demand, the Winesaps bringing from \$4.68 to \$5.11 and the Ganos from \$4.38 to \$4.74 for U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock. Supplies of these varieties were moderate. Virginia Ben Davis and Staymans were also only in moderate supply but met with a slow demand due largely to the variable condition of the fruit. Large quantities of miscellaneous varieties of low grade barreled apples were offered during the sale and brought from \$3.41 to \$4.38 per barrel for Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock. Supplies of these miscellaneous varieties are greatly in excess of demand, most of the fruit being of poor color and of dull, inferior appearance, states Mr. Smith.

Supplies of boxed apples in general were in excess of demand. This was particularly true of Washington Jonathans and California Yellow Newtowns. The Washington Jonathans met with a slow demand, Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 150/175 bringing from \$2.07 to \$2.19 per box as against \$2.25 to \$2.31 last week. The demand for California Newtowns was considerably slower than last week, Fancy 150/175's bringing from \$1.95 to \$2.07 per box as against \$2.19 last week. Oregon Yellow Newtowns were only in light supply, Hood Piver stock bringing from \$2.66 to \$2.80 per box for Extra Fancy 150/175 fruit.

Prices paid for American fruit in the London and Glasgow markets are about the same as those prevailing in Liverpool. The Hamburg and Copenhagen auctions, however, are considerably higher than the British. Virginia Yorks, for example, brought \$5.35 to \$6.33 in Hamburg on Tuesday as compared with \$5.11 to \$5.35 in Liverpool. The Copenhagen prices for Yorks on Tuesday were \$5.35 to \$5.64.

Prices paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction, October 24 and
October 31

| Variety and grade | Origin | Price | |
|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Oct 24, 1928 | Oct 31, 1928 |
| | | Dollars | Dollars |
| BARRELS - Apples | | | |
| York Imperials: U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | Virginia | 4.87-5.11 | 5.11-5.35 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 4.87-5.11 | 4.99-5.35 |
| U.S. Commer. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | 4.87-5.11 | 4.99-5.23 |
| U.S. Commer. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | <u>a/</u> | 4.87-5.35 |
| U.S. Commer. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. | " | <u>b/</u> 5.11-5.84 | <u>b/</u> 5.35-5.96 |
| Ben Davis: U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | 3.69-4.14 | 3.77-3.95 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 4.14-4.38 | <u>a/</u> |
| Staymans: U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 4.62-4.74 | 3.22-3.95 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. | " | 4.74-4.87 | <u>a/</u> |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. | " | <u>a/</u> | <u>c/</u> 3.71-3.77 |
| Winesaps: U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | <u>a/</u> | 4.68-5.11 |
| Canos: U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | <u>a/</u> | 4.38-4.74 |
| Miscellaneous varieties: | | | |
| Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | 3.69-4.38 | <u>c/</u> 3.41-4.38 |
| BOXES - Apples | | | |
| Jonathans: Ex. Fcy., 150/163/175 | Washington: | 2.25-2.31 | 2.07-2.19 |
| Ex. Fcy., 188/smaller | " | 2.01-2.19 | 1.95-2.19 |
| Fancy, 150/163/175 | " | 1.95-2.01 | 1.95-2.01 |
| Fancy, 188/smaller | " | 1.62-1.95 | 1.62-1.69 |
| Winter Bananas: Comb. (Ex. Fcy & Fcy.): | | | |
| 150/163/175 | " | <u>a/</u> | 1.95 |
| Comb. (Ex. Fcy & Fcy.): | | | |
| 188/smaller | " | <u>a/</u> | 1.62 |
| Delicious: Ex. Fcy., 150/163/175 | " | <u>a/</u> | 2.62-2.92 |
| Fancy, 150/163/175 | " | <u>a/</u> | 2.31-2.49 |
| Ex. Fcy., 150/163/175 | Oregon | 2.60 | <u>a/</u> |
| Fancy, 150/163/175 | " | 2.55 | <u>a/</u> |
| Yellow Newtowns: Ex. Fcy., 150/163/175 | Hood River: | <u>a/</u> | 2.68-2.80 |
| Ex. Fcy., 188/smaller: | " " | <u>a/</u> | 2.55-2.62 |
| Fancy, 150/163/175 .: | " " | 2.92-3.04 | 2.55-2.68 |
| Fancy, 188/smaller .: | " " | 2.19-2.80 | 2.49 |
| Ex. Fcy., 150/163/175: | Melford | 3.10-3.22 | <u>a/</u> |
| Fancy, 150/163/175 .: | " | 2.43-2.80 | <u>a/</u> |
| Fancy, 150/163/175 .: | California: | 2.19 | 1.95-2.07 |
| Fancy, 188/smaller .: | " | <u>a/</u> | 1.70-1.82 |
| BARRELS - Pears | | | |
| Heiffer | New York | 6.08-7.30 | 6.33-7.54 |
| BOXES - Pears | | | |
| Winter Nellis, 150/160, Ex. Fcy. | Washington: | 2.92-3.16 | 2.92 |
| Smaller sizes | " | <u>a/</u> | 2.43-2.68 |
| Bosc, Ex. Fcy., 150/160 | Oregon | <u>a/</u> | 3.41-3.65 |
| Smaller sizes | " | <u>a/</u> | 2.80-3.41 |
| CASES | | | |
| Grapefruit | Jamaica | 6.08-6.69 | 6.20-6.57 |
| Grapefruit | Florida | <u>a/</u> | 6.35-7.42 |

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Good color and bright appearance.
c/ Poor condition.

